

31st August 1959]

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Southern Zonal Council

* 1 Q.—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

இவ்வாண்டு ஏப்ரல் மாதத்தில் கூடிய தென் மண்டலக் கவுனிசிலில் என்னென்ன விஷயங்கள் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டன? அவைகளின் மேல் என்ன முடிவுகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Southern Zonal Council did not meet in April 1959.

Southern Food Zone

* 2 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: }

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) when the Madras State would be reconstituted into a separate food zone by taking it out of the present Southern Food Zone;

(b) whether the Government have represented to the Central Government to stop the movement of foodgrains out of this State to the Kerala State; and

(c) with reference to clause (b) of question No. 921 answered on 21st March 1959, whether the Government have received any reply from the Central Government regarding the import of more foodgrains into this State from the Andhra Pradesh and, if so, to what extent foodgrains will be imported?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The matter is now under consideration by the Government of India.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In reply to the request of this Government, the Government of India promised to procure and supply all available quantities of raw rice in Nellore. They also allotted 2,000 tons. Subsequently in June 1959, the Government of India agreed to supply up to one lakh tons of rice to this Government during the current year to compensate for the heavy movements of rice from this State to Kerala. Of this, the Government of India have so far allotted 15,000 tons (4,000 tons of Andhra rice and 11,000 tons of Burma rice) during August 1959.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is it a fact that the Union Government have refused to accede to the demand of the Madras State for forming Madras State as a separate Food Zone?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government of India have not so far agreed to our proposal to make Madras State a separate zone.